often turned over; of dining in restaurants where the cooking was excellent and the charges moderate, and of meeting one another in rooms soon crowded and stuffy, sherry steadily consumed and conversation incessant—were exhilarated and spiritually refreshed by a stay in Barcelona. It was real, it was earnest, it was lively, as they explained in many a subsequent thousand words for many a subsequent guinea.

Meanwhile, the Non-intervention Committee proceeded with its labours, like the Disarmament Conference mainly concerned to keep itself in existence. This not inconsiderable feat it performed, in the teeth of intervention before which a feebler Committee would have faltered, and probably collapsed. Though it eannot be said to have appreciably diminished the number of foreigners who participated in the Civil War, or the amount of war material sent into Spain, it devised, got unanimously approved, and provided personnel for, an ingenious system of coastal and frontier supervision, and obtained at various times from all the Governments concerned assurances that they would prohibit the departure of any of their Nationals who intended to serve with General Franco or the International Brigade.

Though the war was long, the Non-intervention Committee was longer; when it met for the last time, Madrid had fallen to General Franco, Pasionara vanished, International Brigade been disbanded, and even Mr. Hemingway and Mr. Ralph Bates departed to seek elsewhere material for stories and films of life in the raw. At its last meeting, the twenty-seven non-intervening Governments were solemnly released from the

various under-
takings they had given, but mostly not observed ;[22] the question
of unpaid monetary contributions was considered, and a share-

[22] Ceremonial welcomes were arranged in Rome and Berlin for the Italian
and German troops who fought in Spain, and both Mussolini and Hitler, in
the speeches they made on these occasions, ridiculed the Non-intervention
Committee and boasted of how they had ignored its agreements. Perhap s
the German attitude to the Civil War was best expressed by a German who
remarked to Miss Nora Wain (see *Reaching for the Stars)* that it was *better
than manoeuvres'. According to Mr. G. T. Garratt, the German Government,